

To the G.A.E. Committee:

I am opposed to SB No. 184 and HB No. 5262. There is no need to extend the use of COVID-19 on our absentee ballots. These bills are trying to impose a reason to be able to submit an absentee ballot merely because a sickness exists, and not that a person is actual sick.

Our constitution clearly states the specific reasons for absentee voting eligibility and in turn those that are eligible are more than welcome to request an absentee ballot. There is no reason to include covid as an acceptable reason for an absentee ballot. This opens up the ability to mass mail absentee ballots to all voters on the voter registry, a list of state voters that has no means of verifying it is complete, accurate or valid. This way of voting has no verification that the vote submitted was filled out and submitted by the stated person and compromises the integrity of the voting process.

Please vote no on SB No. 184 and HB No. 5262

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